

To Be Approved

Minutes of a Regular Meeting Via Zoom # 827 1297 8080

Putnam Economic & Community Development Commission

Date: Tuesday, February 08, 2022.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Director Delpha Very, Chairman Paul Grenier, Commission members Dawn Krasnecky, Ron Coderre, Doug Taylor, and Vice-Chair Lee Konicki (via Zoom); Administrative Assistant Jackie Lefevre and Putnam Land Use Agent Bruce Fitzback.
PRA member Delia Fey left at 8:35 am

Chairman opened meeting at 8:30 a.m.

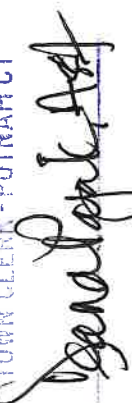
1. Approval of Regular Scheduled Meeting Minutes January 11, 2022*: Member Coderre motioned to approve the minutes of January 11, 2022, as submitted, seconded by Member Taylor, motion passed.

2. Report of Expenditures – January 2022: Expenditures were reviewed. At the January 11, 2022 meeting, it was requested a full copy of the ECD Trust Fund spreadsheet be available for review at the February 8th meeting. Question arose on the donation listed from LL Bean. Director explained L.L Bean gave the town a donation for being allowed to set up their retail trailer in the municipal parking lot one Saturday near the holidays. The donation was forwarded to the Putnam Business Association to share the cost in replacing the “Welcome to Putnam” banner on the railroad trestle facing east on Route 44 coming into Putnam.

3. New Business: a) **Annual Election of Officers*:** Member Coderre nominated Chairman Grenier, hearing no other nominations, Member Coderre closed the nominations. Member Coderre motioned for Chairman Grenier to remain as Economic & Community Development Chairman, seconded by Member Taylor. motion passed. Member Coderre nominated Vice-Chair Konicki as Vice-Chairman, hearing no other nominations, Member Coderre closed the nominations. Member Coderre motioned for Vice-Chair Konicki to remain as Economic & Community Development Vice-Chair, seconded by Member Krasnecky, motion passed.

b) **ECD Budget 2022/2023*:** a copy of the budget was provided in the agenda packet. Director is comfortable with the budget as proposed. Discussion ensued, Member Coderre motion to approve the budget as presented and requested to reflect in the minutes the budget should not be cut when moving forward for the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance approvals, seconded by Member Krasnecky, motion passed. Director suggested the best way to provide input on the budget would be to attend the upcoming Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Town Meetings. Member Coderre requested Assistant Lefevre to provide reminders of these important budget meeting dates. It was noted to send a schedule of budgetary dates to each member.

c) **Reschedule or Cancel July 12, 2022 meeting*:** It is necessary to cancel or reschedule the July 12, 2022 meeting to another date. Motion by Member Coderre to cancel Regularly scheduled July 12, 2022 meeting and hold a Special meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, seconded by Member Taylor, motion passed.

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4. Old Business:

a) **Down to Earth Design Presentation:** Due to illness, the presenter was unable to attend. Agenda item was tabled until March 8th meeting.

b) **Eastern CT Landbank Presentation-Wayne Bugden:** the Director introduced Mr. Wayne Bugden, formerly with CME Associates, Inc., he is a geologist/owner of One Earth Environmental, LLC and Vice-President of Eastern CT Landbank, (ECTLB). Mr. Bugden presented a PowerPoint introducing key points and mission of the Eastern CT Landbank. In 2017, State of Connecticut executed legislature authorizing the development of landbanks as part of creation of Brownfields legislation. The fall of 2019 is when meetings started to be held with the then newly formed ECTLB. The ECTLB was created to assist CT towns with environmental expertise, grants, and other various tools to support with environmental clean-ups, especially on vacant properties, within communities. The Landbank is a 501 (c) 3 and is devised of 11 diverse technical and managerial people on its Board of Directors. Presentations have and will be scheduled to several Northeast CT towns. The ECTLB is seeking funding resources from each community which would provide financial assistance to towns future needs. Mr. Bugden shared one of the major accomplishments thus far is the landbank received a \$ 200,000 grant partnering with the town of Moosup in Plainfield toward the former Kaman Aerospace site. Upon discussion motion made by Member Coderre to provide the Eastern CT Landbank for \$ 50,000 from the ECD Trust Fund, seconded by Member Krasnecky, motion passed.

5. Updates: Director provided the following updates:

a) Saturday Farmer's Market master is working on 2022 Applications. She has let us know her life has changed, and she isn't available every Saturday this season. Director is requesting a couple volunteers to assist potentially with a Saturday or two. Season starts June and runs until October. Please let us know if you wish to volunteer or no of someone.

b) Rise-Up Project, formerly known as the Martin Luther King Mural Project, was announced on W.I.N.Y Radio (battery died on laptop-notes were taken from this point on)

c) Rotaract Millennial Meeting. Director scheduled to meet with John Miller and Andy Morrison on bringing back discussions with a millennial aged group. Several months ago, a discussion took place to discover what they want their community/s to look like.

d) Airline Trails: Land use agent Fitzback, Town Administrator Sistare and Director Very recently met with State of CT Dept. of Transportation, Consultants of Weston and Sampson on the challenges of contacting the railroad on connecting the Thompson/Putnam section of the Trail.

Public Participation: None

Adjournment*: Member Coderre motioned to adjourn, seconded by Member Krasnecky, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectively submitted by Jackie Lefevre